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# Apprentice of the year



**NUMURKAH'S Dale Cox was named third year building apprentice of the year at for the north east at a ceremony last week. See story page 7.**

## State of emergency

A STATE of emergency (SOE) has been declared in Victoria, effective from midday Monday, in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Though the declaration, which was imposed under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act, remains effective for four weeks, Premier Daniel Andrews said it was likely it would be extended.

A statement from the Department of Premier and Cabinet said the SOE will help Victoria provide the chief health officer with the powers he needs to enforce 14-day isolation requirements for all travellers entering Australia, and cancel mass gatherings of more than 500 people, as agreed by National Cabinet on Sunday.

Under an SOE authorised officers (AOs), at the direction of the chief health officer, can act to eliminate or reduce a serious risk to public health by detaining people, restricting movement, preventing entry to premises, or providing any other

direction an AO considers reasonable to protect public health.

Mr Andrews described the imposition of a mandatory 14-day self-quarantine for those entering Australia from overseas as a proportionate and appropriate response.

He said the states were required to enforce the mandatory quarantine for returning travellers and it would be an offence not to comply with the orders that had been made.

The first direction from Victoria's chief health officer under the SOE powers will include banning non-essential mass gatherings of over 500 people, such as cultural events, sporting events or conferences.

A number of Victoria's largest cultural institutions including the National Gallery of Victoria, the State Library and Museums Victoria have also announced temporary closures, and events such as the Melbourne Comedy Festival and

Melbourne Food and Wine Festival have already been postponed.

On a local level, the Goulburn Valley Vintage Tractor and Farm Machinery Club has been forced to cancel its annual rally, which was due to be held at the Wunghnu recreation reserve on March 28 and 29.

The committee of the Shepparton Festival, which is currently running and due to end on March 29, said it will continue to monitor the situation and make necessary precautions where required.

Although ANZAC Day falls after the scheduled end of the SOE, the RSL has already announced that public services will not go ahead.

There will be a single Dawn Service at the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance which will be conducted with small number of official guests, and modified to minimize COVID19 risk, and the public will be asked not to attend.

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## Police seek info on suspicious fires

POLICE are seeking information which will assist in identifying a suspect for potentially lighting a number of roadside fires between Kotupna and Bendigo last Tuesday, March 10.

Nine roadside grass fire sites were identified on or near main highways between Kotupna and Bendigo between 5.20pm and 10.10pm. One involved roadside stored hay bales valued at \$14,000.

In all cases, no ignition cause has been identified, and no infrastructure has been affected.

A blue 2015 Hyundai Tucson station wagon was seen with male and female occupants in the vicinity of these fires.

If anyone has any information that may lead to identifying a suspect for these fires, call Crime Stoppers or your local police.







**Grand champion ...** Grand Champion cow Progress Collies Magic with Peter Kylstra, sponsor Rebecca Humphries from Eureka Park Bragus, Tallygaroopna and judge Kathy Eden from South Gippsland.



# Inaugural beef show a success

NUMURKAH Agricultural and Pastoral Society's inaugural beef show has been hailed a success, attracting over 100 entries on the weekend.

Organiser Stuart Cameron, who runs the beef section at Numurkah show each year, said the show attracted more entries than they initially expected.

"Plenty of agricultural shows only get 30-40 beef entries, so I wasn't sure early on how many we'd attract," he said.

"I reckon if people had known a bit earlier that the Sydney Easter show was going to be cancelled, we'd have gotten as many as 200."

Stuart said the society was also pleased by the fact that the quality of entries was every bit as impressive as the quantity.

"We had some very good cows there, so it was a good competition," he said.

The feedback from competitors has been overwhelmingly positive, with nearly all exhibitors already having said they would come back if the event is held again.

"We haven't really had a chance to discuss it

much yet, but I think we will do it again," Stuart said.

"We'd probably tweak the format a bit, but I can't see any reason we wouldn't do it again."

"Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and were happy with the set-up. A few people and animals did get wet on the Friday night, but none of us are ever going to complain about a bit of rain."

And the winners are:

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Grand Champion Bull - Valley Creek Primus, Inverleigh Simmental

Supreme Champion Beef Exhibit - Valley Creek Primus, Inverleigh Simmental

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Champion Heifer shown by a youth or school - Progress Perfect Storm, Progress Limousins

Champion Cow shown by a youth or school - Progress Collies Magic, Progress Limousins

Grand champion Female shown by a youth or school - Progress Perfect Storm, Progress Limousins

Champion Junior Bull shown by a youth or school - Valley Creek Primus, Inverleigh Simmental

Champion Bull shown by a youth or school - Progress Moose

Grand champion Male shown by a youth or school - Valley Creek Primus, Inverleigh Simmental

Supreme Champion Exhibit shown by a youth or school - Progress Perfect Storm, Progress Limousins.

Champion Steer or commercial female shown by a youth or school - FHS Tippy, Finley High School

**A good day at school ...** Hugh Burton with Finley High School Percy, a 17 month old Shorthorn.



**Juniors ...** Carlie Mackelmann from Glenwyn Redpolls, Congupna, with bull Glenwyn Zeus.



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Pictured from left, St Mary of the Angels Year 10 students Hayden Davis, Charlee Mason, Hunter Verhoeven, Kiera Henderson, Vicroads Instructors, Jenny McIntosh, Duade Paton and Sandra Lording, Anneliese Phillips, Flynn Penberthy, Dakota Borg and Jason Beckett.

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Pictured, St Mary of the Angels 'Junior Team Three' members, Gabby Wilkins, Emily Pullar, Bethany Oswald and Ava Morris.



Pictured, St Mary of the Angels 'Junior Team Four' members from left, Charlotte Hurlston, Ainslie Trease, Elly Slatterie, Liliana Demaio and Alahni Hulley.



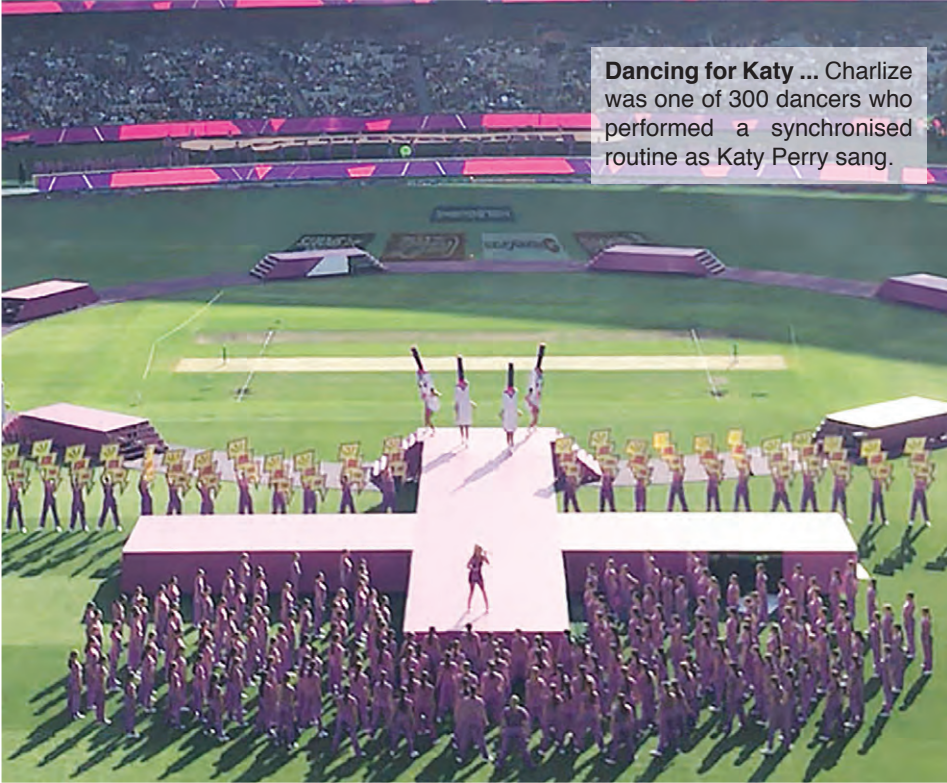
## The positives of Debate

Over sixty students competed in the first round of the Goulburn Valley Inter-School Debating Competition held at St Mary of the Angels Secondary College on Wednesday, 11th of March. Students from Cobram Anglican Grammar, Moama Anglican Grammar, Notre Dame College, St Augustine's Kyabram, and St Mary of the Angels Secondary College faced off in the senior and junior divisions of the competition. Students debated topics such as; 'We should limit the number of cars each household can own', 'We should ban gambling advertisements' and 'That men and women in sport should get equal pay'. Two of the St Mary of the Angels Junior teams won all three of their debates with some strong persuasive arguments

determining that with some luck, they should be in good stead for the next three rounds. St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Debating Coach, Jane Hando said, "We were really proud of all of the students who competed in the first round of the DAV Debating Tournament. Students worked diligently to prepare and present emotive and balanced arguments for and against, which was great to see. "The day was the first in a four-round competition. The next debate will be held at Notre Dame College on the 27th of May. The Debating Association of Victoria will keep a running tally of the students' performances which will culminate in an overall award for both divisions and for best speakers, to be announced at the conclusion."



# Back-up dancing for a superstar



WHEN music superstar Katy Perry took to the stage at the MCG to open the women's T20 world cup final on March 8, Numurkah's Charlize Borg was right there backing her up.

Charlize was one of 300 young dancers from across Victoria selected to perform a dance routine to accompany Katy as she sang two songs at the final.

To say Charlize was excited by the opportunity doesn't quite cover it.

"It was amazing! I couldn't believe I was actually there," she said.

Charlize was one of a number of young dancers from around the Goulburn Valley who applied for the opportunity when letters were sent to dance schools across the state several months ago, and one of a number from Amy Newton Dance Studios in Shepparton.

Chosen dancers visited Melbourne every Sunday for a month leading up to the performance, attending six hour long rehearsals to make sure their moves were perfect.

Charlize took the week before the performance off school to stay in Melbourne with her dad so that she could attend daily rehearsals.

"I wouldn't really say the routine was hard, but it wasn't easy either, and we had to perform it perfectly together so we had to work hard to make sure we did," Charlize said.

The day itself was also a long one, with dancers arriving at the MCG at 11am for a 5.30pm performance, after which they got front row spots

at Katy's concert, not leaving the MCG until midnight.

"I was pretty nervous beforehand but it went so quick.

"Then we got to go to the concert, and we were right up the front, which was awesome. I was a bit tired by the end of it, but still so excited."

Charlize's mum Jane was also pretty excited.

"For her to get the chance to do something like that was amazing, and not something I ever imagined would happen," she said.

"We're both Katy Perry fans and have wanted to go to her concert for years, so for Charlize to perform with her was incredible. I was so proud."

"She worked so hard and I was so proud of her commitment and dedication. Seeing her performing there, I got goosebumps."

Whilst Charlize didn't get the chance to speak to Katy personally, the singer did take the time to address them all before the show, and thank them for accompanying her.

"That was pretty cool," Charlize said.

At just 13 years-old, Charlize doesn't yet have a potential career in mind, but she definitely wants to keep dancing, and playing netball, for now.

Her next exciting event, if circumstances allow, is to perform at Disneyland California for 10 days in July as part of a troupe of 50 dancers from Goulburn and Ovens valleys.

"I really hope we can," she said.

"It'll be one of the most exciting things I've ever done."

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Water Trading Rules

I was briefed by the Minister for Water's office this month in relation to the consultation paper on the Goulburn to Murray inter valley trade rule review.

The public consultation is now underway. It is being undertaken following concerns about environmental damage to the lower Goulburn River from delivering unseasonal high flows of traded water to downstream users.

Be sure to contribute to the consultation as it has the potential to have a significant impact for water users across Northern Victoria.

Homelessness Review

As part of my office's homelessness review, we are seeking to identify unoccupied housing stock across the district.

If you are aware of any unoccupied dwellings that have been sitting vacant for three months or longer, you can assist by contacting my office with the address.

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# Fighting his way to the top

NUMURKAH'S Marcus Davis has only been in the fight game for 12 months, but he has already established himself as one to watch.

Marcus, who trains at Main Street Boxing Gym Strathmerton, won the Victorian light welter weight title in just his third fight, and also won a bronze medal at the Australian national amateur boxing titles.

At 27, Marcus has come to boxing a little later than most, but he has picked up plenty of momentum.

Marcus' first fight was in the welterweight division, but he quickly decided that he would be better off in the light welterweights.

"I'm only five foot eight and in the welterweights you can be fighting guys with a fair height advantage over you, so it seemed smarter to drop down to the next division," he said.

Whilst plenty of people enjoy training at a boxing gym just for training's sake, Marcus was always keen to get in the ring for real.

"I wanted to fight from the beginning, that's why I'm here and I love it," he said.

Despite his successes, Marcus has also had a taste of the ups and downs of the fight game, narrowly losing a recent bout for a dual Victoria/NSW title by a split decision.

After four rounds the points were drawn, so it went to a judges decision with two out of three judges awarding it to his NSW opponent.

Marcus' trainer Scott Maskell is adamant that his man was robbed.

"He won the first two rounds clearly as far as I was concerned, and the other two were pretty even," he said.

"The other fighter was more the aggressor because he was moving forward, but he wasn't landing a lot of punches.

"I think the judges gave it to him because he was the local, and he seemed more the aggressor, but skill and evasion should win and that was Marcus."

Marcus also felt that he had won.

"I wasn't getting hit a lot - he landed some, but I landed a lot more," he said.

"I was on the back foot, but I was throwing and landing a lot more punches."



Fighting his way to the top ... Marcus Davis has come a long way in the fight game in just a year.

Both fighter and trainer are hoping that Marcus will get the chance to avenge the injustice this weekend.

"They are both on the bill at Lilydale this Saturday and we have challenged him to a rematch. It's up to him whether he accepts or not and if he doesn't want to there's not much we can do, but I reckon it's only fair," Scott said.

Either way, Marcus will fight on.

"I'd love a rematch, because with coronavirus, these could be the last fights for a while," he said.

"If I lost because I was beaten, then that's one thing, but I don't feel like he beat me so I want another go.

"But I'll keep fighting anyway, no matter who my opponent is,"

Keeping fighting is 100% the plan, with Marcus hoping to turn professional after the Australian titles at the end of the year.

"Once you turn pro, you can't go back so you have to make sure you're ready," he said.

"And I'm almost ready."

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## ARCHIE'S OPINION

Written and authorised by Archibald R. Browning,  
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Letter No. 37 - March 18, 2020  
Please read, circulate & debate all my letters.



I believe the federal, state and local governments do not govern for the nation and the honest, hard-working Australian family.

These elected people seem to govern for themselves and rely on unelected High Court judges and unelected bureaucrats to enact undemocratic laws for their own sake, sponsored by huge foreign conglomerates and foreign nations.

I believe socialists, communists and the Greens political party deliberately stifle free speech, with impunity, by damaging property and injuring their opponents' physical welfare.

I believe the Australian democratic political system could be the envy of the world.

The way Australians vote in senators is a national disaster. I consider today's senators to be pigs swill, and the average Australian citizen is being forced to swallow it, assisted by the left wing media and the left of the labor party.

I believe only ratepayers should vote in senators, and voting should be compulsory.

Voting for the House of Representatives should be obligatory - Australian citizens should

be the only people who own freehold property and water. Home owners, farmers, shops and numerous others should never allow poor government to manipulate them.

I believe the Federal Government should have an up-to-date registry of all ratepayers in Australia. The Australian public should know exactly who owns their country and the truth should be open for all to see.

I think the privacy act stinks and when a politician, bureaucrat, or councillor mentions it, the smell tends to make me dry vomit.

I cannot trust cheats and liars who hold positions of overwhelming power and rob honest ratepayers of basic civil rights in their ownership.

Australian patriotic ratepayers do not have dual citizenships and are quiet achievers. They should be rewarded for their labour and common sense.

The Federal Government should start up a new federal bank, owned entirely by individual ratepayers. Ratepayers and potential ratepayers will become shareholders. This new bank could be divided into sections, like power, water, and various other departments.

ious other departments.

A good government would invite ratepayers to invest in the building of dams in our nation at commercial interest rates, and also receive a capital gain, as they are now shareholders in the federal bank.

Australians should invest their savings in their own nation, as they must legally own the country.

I apologise to my readers for not mentioning Goulburn Murray Water, politicians and the Moira Shire in this letter.

I do not need to lie, and have suspended the letter to a future date.

My wife and I are still having trouble with our farm at Boosey, in the Moira Shire.

The Muckatah drain has not been finalised, and I believe we were forced to sign contracts we did not agree with. I still have not seen the signed contract which we disagreed with.

Goulburn Murray Water may now ignore my plight, as they have with the Muckatah drain, which should have been finalised about 20 years ago.

My next letter will certainly be about a political, council and bureaucratic fiasco.

# Library programs on hold

GOULBURN Valley Regional Library Corporation (GVRLC), which operates public libraries throughout Shepparton and Moira Shires, has announced that, although its venues will remain open to the public, it will not offer any programming until further notice.

GVRLC has a busy schedule of programs, from Rhyme Story Time for pre-schoolers to school holiday activities and craft sessions for adults.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and advice regarding social distancing, all programs have been suspended until further notice.

The Home Library Service, where volunteers deliver books to people in their own homes, is also suspended until further notice.

Acting CEO Jenny Wyllie said it is disappointing to have to cancel such popular programs, but GVRLC has done so to reduce the risk to library users and staff.

"Author visits such as Nicole Alexander, who was to visit Euroa, and David Scott, have also been cancelled," she said.

There are no changes to library opening hours, however those feeling unwell are encouraged to keep their books for longer rather than visit the library.

Goulburn Valley Libraries does not charge overdue fees, so if you need to hang onto your books there will be no penalty.

Members are encouraged to borrow extra books if they do visit.

If you can't visit the library, visit the website at [gvlibraries.com.au](http://gvlibraries.com.au) to stream videos via Kanopy and Kanopy Kids, watch stories on Storybox Library, or access eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines - you may be alone but you don't have to be isolated



# Dale Cox named apprentice of the year

FOR Numurkah's Dale Cox, getting the chance to learn from skilled tradesmen, and get paid for it, is reward enough.

However, his dedication to his craft was given formal recognition last week when he was awarded the title of third year building apprentice of the year for the north east region.

When the *Leader* caught up with Dale last Thursday, the morning after the awards ceremony, he was still in shock.

"It's a bit surreal to be honest. I really didn't expect to win," he said.

For Glenn Rikys, Dale's boss at Rikys and Moylan Builders, Dale was an obvious winner.

"You could tell from the get-go that he was going to be a good builder," Glenn said.

"From the very start of his apprenticeship he has been astute and conscientious.

"Some apprentices are good at trade school or good on the job, but Dale is all over everything. And he's a nice guy with it."

Dale, who is now in the fourth and final year of his apprenticeship, said although the other guys were ribbing him a bit in light of the win, it was all part of the job - and well worth it to receive the prize of more than \$2,000 worth of tools.

The ultimate prize, though, is job satisfaction.

"I love the variety of it - no two days or jobs are the same and that keeps it interesting," he said.

"I also like that you walk up to a new job - a build or a renovation - and you do your work and then you get to see the finished product.

"You're creating something new and that's really satisfying."



Recognition for hard work ... For Dale Cox, winning apprentice of the year was an unexpected bonus to doing a job he loves

# A car beyond his wildest dreams

WHAT started out as an extremely thoughtful gift has evolved into a championship vehicle for Strathmerton's Madgwick family.

Throwing around ideas for Jack Madgwick's birthday present last year, his wife Julie and son Heath came up with an idea they knew was sure to please - an EH Holden.

Jack had always loved EHs, which were manufactured in Australia between 1963 and 1965, but had never been able to afford one.

Heath said purchasing the car was all a bit spur of the moment.

"We had the idea and then it all just happened in a matter of days. We found one and bought it and I organised to pick it up," he said.

So it was, that, on his birthday, Jack couldn't find his son anywhere, because Heath had travelled to Melbourne to pick up the car.

Jack said that he was shocked, and very happy, with his present. Until he drove it.

"I'd forgotten how those old cars drive, and I thought it really needed a new front end and a good clean up," he said.

In the end, Jack got a lot more than that.

Enter Greg Maskell from Maskell's Customs & Classics.

"I remember Heath calling me on a Tuesday asking if I could repaint the car and I said sure, as long as it was just a paint job, because we were flat out," Greg said.

The next day, the car arrived to Greg

on the back of a trailer with a request for it to be turned into a V8 with a new manual gearbox and new wheels - which very much sets the tone for the rest of the story.

"It really took on a life of its own," Greg said.

"One part of the plan would change and then another and so on."

Meanwhile, Jack watched, slightly bemused, as Heath and Greg turned his birthday present into something very different.

"All along, I was thinking 'I don't know about this' but Greg and Heath were having so much fun that I let them go," Jack said.

The turn of events led to the car being christened 'Nosay', because Jack really had no say in the project.

"When they told me that they thought it had a real chance of winning at the SummerNats, I was a bit keener," he said.

"I'd never have taken it this far but I'm glad now. I feel really proud that it's my car."

Greg said that almost every nut and bolt on the car had been modified, with the grill one of the few parts that is genuinely original.

"We still wanted it to be a classic EH, but many, many little things have changed."

The EH did indeed have a chance at the SummerNats - it took out top sedan It's quite an achievement given that most of the 2,000 cars entered in the competition fall in that category.

It was also voted in the top 10 of all



What a beauty ... Greg Maskell, Heath, Julie and Jack Madgwick and Ben Lee-Madgwick with the Jack's EH.

vehicles entered.

Heath said the achievement was all the more note-worthy given it didn't win any other category.

"Usually the top sedan will win a few other categories such as top engine bay or top bodywork, but we didn't win any of those so top sedan was pretty special," he said.

The EH also won top sedan, top 10 and top five at the Melbourne Hot Rod show, and is a real chance at Australia's biggest car show Motorex - if it goes ahead in May.

It is also the cover car on the March edition of Street Machine magazine, with eight pages of photos and article inside.

So, Jack, how does it drive now?

"I couldn't tell - I'm not even allowed to sit in it now," he said.

"I'll get it back one day, but in the meantime I've bought myself another EH which is in pretty good condition and I'm not letting them near it."

Jack's EH can be viewed at Shepparton Motor Museum where it lives in between car shows.

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NUMURKAH SHIRE COUNCIL.  
TUESDAY, 9th MARCH

Present: Crs. Schier (President), Garonne, Ross, J. and G. Tuckett, Ball, Campbell, Thornton, Dudley, Moss.

Correspondence

From Shire of Dandenong, asking for support to a resolution that the Thistle Act be amended to render the owner liable for the eradication of noxious weeds; that where weeds are not cut the council have power to put men on, the cost thereof to be made against the land, and to be recoverable in the same manner as rates, and that power be given to sell the land where the owner refuses to pay the cost. It was also asked that a representative be appointed to attend on a deputation to the Minister of Agriculture.—President to attend.

Shire Honor Board—In an other column an advertisement appears, asking for names of soldiers who enlisted within the shire, and left the shores of Australia, to be furnished for the shire honor roll. The honor certificates are printed and the honor boards made, but the shire secretary has experienced difficulty in securing the full list of soldiers' names. Soldiers, their friends or relatives, are asked to see that their names are sent in to the secretary at earliest. Secretaries of Red Cross societies and Welcome Home committees are asked to assist by furnishing names of men who enlisted within their district.

From Mrs Merrill, Numurkah, asking that something be done to discontinue the annoyance caused by residents keeping horses, cows, calves, fowls, guinea fowls, ducks, geese, dogs, etc., on "pocket handkerchief" allotments. Her sleep at night and early morning was disturbed, and Numurkah, from this cause, was becoming an undesirable place to live in.—Cr. Thornton said there was a lot of common sense in the letter, and he gave notice, of his intention to move at next meeting that a by-law be framed to deal with this matter.

CRICKET FINAL  
WUNGHNU V. BUNBARTHA

That cricket is a game of surprises has been amply demonstrated during the present season. In the series of matches which took place for the minor premiership Bunbartha seemed almost invincible, whilst Wunghnu did nothing worth mentioning. As the games proceeded Bunbartha strengthened their position, what time the very stars in their courses seemed to light against Wunghnu. Immediately the spirit of prophecy came upon certain individuals, and they heralded Bunbartha as premiers, with Wunghnu amongst those who "also ran." The winning of the minor premiership by the former team, and the outside position held by the latter, caused the seers to congratulate themselves upon their knowledge of the occult. But with Wunghnu heads "bloody but unbowed," Wunghnu entered the semi finals to try conclusions with the minor premiers. It is now a matter of history how brilliantly they succeeded in defeating their doughty rivals. Then came the final, in which Naring, fresh from their triumph over Numurkah, faced the team that beat Bunbartha, and the result showed that the defeat of the minor premiers was no fluke, but rather an indication that Wunghnu had "found their punch."

HONORBOARD UNVEILED  
AT WAAIA SCHOOL

There was a goo attendance of relatives of returned soldiers, district residents, visitors and State-school scholars at the Waaia school on Wednesday afternoon last, when an honor board was unveiled to the memory of district soldiers by Mr J. D. Mitchell, M.L.A., the member for the district.

The board is a handsome one, and a decided ornament to the school, as well as a fitting memorial to the brave lads who answered the call of duty and went overseas to fight for the freedom of Australia and the Empire. It bears across the top in raised gold letters the words, "For King and Country," and in two panels the names of the undermentioned soldiers are shown in gold letters. Of the 20 names on the board an asterisk denoted hat five of the number had paid the supreme sacrifice.

# Run so fun

NUMURKAH fun run organisers couldn't have hoped for a better day on Sunday, with a beautiful morning greeting the record entry of fun runners at 12th annual event.

With the five and 10 kilometre course set, runners and walkers set off at 9am sharp.

The course was, as always, well marshalled by Numurkah SES, fire brigade, Rotary and Lions, as well as many volunteers by the organising St Joseph's Parents and Friends Association.

Association president Bryan Schreenan was thrilled with the support of the many families from near and far.

"This event is a great celebration of fun and fitness and all that is good about our community," he said.

Two new course records were created, with Brooke Williams running the 5km course in 19 minutes 27 seconds, and Nathan Stoate completing the 10km course in an incredible 31 minutes 16 seconds.

These times mean that Brooke and Nathan now hold all of the five and 10 km records between them.

The children's one and two kilometre events finished off the morning with the stars of the future strutting their stuff in and around the school grounds.

Money raised from this year's event will go toward the building of a shade structure on the east side of the school's MacKillop Centre.



Ready and steady ... Anticipation filled the air as the field assembled for a 9am start.



Smashing it ... Brooke Williams comes over the line to create a new 5km course record to add to her 10km record.

## New weapons arrive to deter corellas



Hoping for a win .... NYCCC president Brad Naughton and pitch curator Jaydo Lau hope the new scare gun helps limit the damage the corellas do to the cricket pitch.



Eagle eye ... The optical bird scarer works by confusing the birds and driving them away from the location.

THE Numurkah recreation reserve now has two new 'weapons' in its arsenal in the fight against the destructive corellas - a gas powered scare gun and 'eagle eye' technology.

Numurkah Youth Club Cricket Club (NYCCC) purchased the scare gun with a \$900 grant provided by Moira Shire under its quick response grant program.

The device emits 'blasts' of 120 decibels - which is roughly equivalent to a loud thunderclap - and can be programmed to emit four blasts per hour for four hours a day at random intervals.

Use of the device, which will be mounted at the recreation reserve, is planned to commence late this week or early next week, with it operating between 7.30am and 10.30am, which is when the birds are most active at the reserve, on a needs basis.

It may also be used for an hour in the evenings. NYCCC president Brad Naughton and pitch curator Jaydo Lau said, if it's effective, the device will save the club many hours of work.

"It takes 10 members around an hour before each match to fill all the holes that the corellas have made," Mr Naughton said.

"Anything that could help keep the birds at bay would be great," Mr Lau said.

The other device which it is hoped will have a positive impact in keeping the corellas away from the location is eagle eye technology, which has been loaned to the rec reserve committee by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

The eagle eye is an optical bird scarer that harmlessly deters birds from unwanted open space areas by making use of light beams reflected from direct sunlight or artificial light.

The reflective centrepiece rotates via a motor, sending the beams around in a menacing pattern that scares the birds.

As part of the eagle eye trial, the committee will be responsible for installing, moving and monitoring the technology's effectiveness in reducing the impacts of corellas.

Other committees of management in Hume have used this technology previously and it has proved to be successful.

DELWP's Hume Acting Manager of Regulatory Operations, Greg Chant said DELWP had lent the technology to the committee to reduce the impacts of the seasonal increase in corella numbers.

"The Conservation Regulator is working with community members, landholders and stakeholders to provide advice to reduce the impacts of the seasonal increase in corella numbers in Numurkah," he said.

Corellas are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975, and there are significant penalties for hunting, taking or destroying protected wildlife, including imprisonment.



## Pets protect against suicide in older people

A NEW Australian study published this week shows the protective effect that pets have against suicide in older people.

'A Qualitative Analysis of Pets as Suicide Prevention for Older People' is authored by Dr Janette Young, Dr Carmel Nottle, Dr Amy Baker, Holly Bowen-Salter and Kristen Stevens, all from the University of South Australia, and Dr Lisel O'Dwyer from the University of Adelaide.

Sadly, suicide rates among people over 60 are the highest of any age group in Australia, but the study shows that the mere presence of a dog, cat, or even a bird, can be enough to stop some older people from taking their own life.

In the paper, published in the journal *Anthropozoos*, the researchers discuss the unexpected findings from 35 interviews with older people (aged 60-83 years) on the impact of pets on their health.

More than one third (12) who reported being actively suicidal or significantly traumatised discussed how their pets gave them a reason to live. Feeling 'known' by their pet was crucial. Taking responsibility for an animal (feeding, grooming and exercising it) gave them purpose, and the constant physical presence of a pet helped mitigate the loneliness and despair they felt.

Men, in particular, identified their pets as playing a key role in their mental health, Dr Young said.

"This pattern seems significant, given the higher suicide rate among men, which increases with age in western countries."

Older people are more likely to experience complex health needs, social isolation and loneliness, and fear of burdening their families. For these reasons alone, pets can play a protective role, the researchers say.

"Pets offer a counter to many older people's sense of uselessness," Dr Young says.

"Animals need looking after, which creates a sense of purpose for older people, and they also promote social connections with other people."

The dearth of pet accommodation in aged care should be re-examined in light of these findings, the researchers say.

"Health and care providers need to understand the distress that many older people face when they have to relinquish their pets if they move into aged accommodation, lose their spouse or downsize their home," Dr Young said.

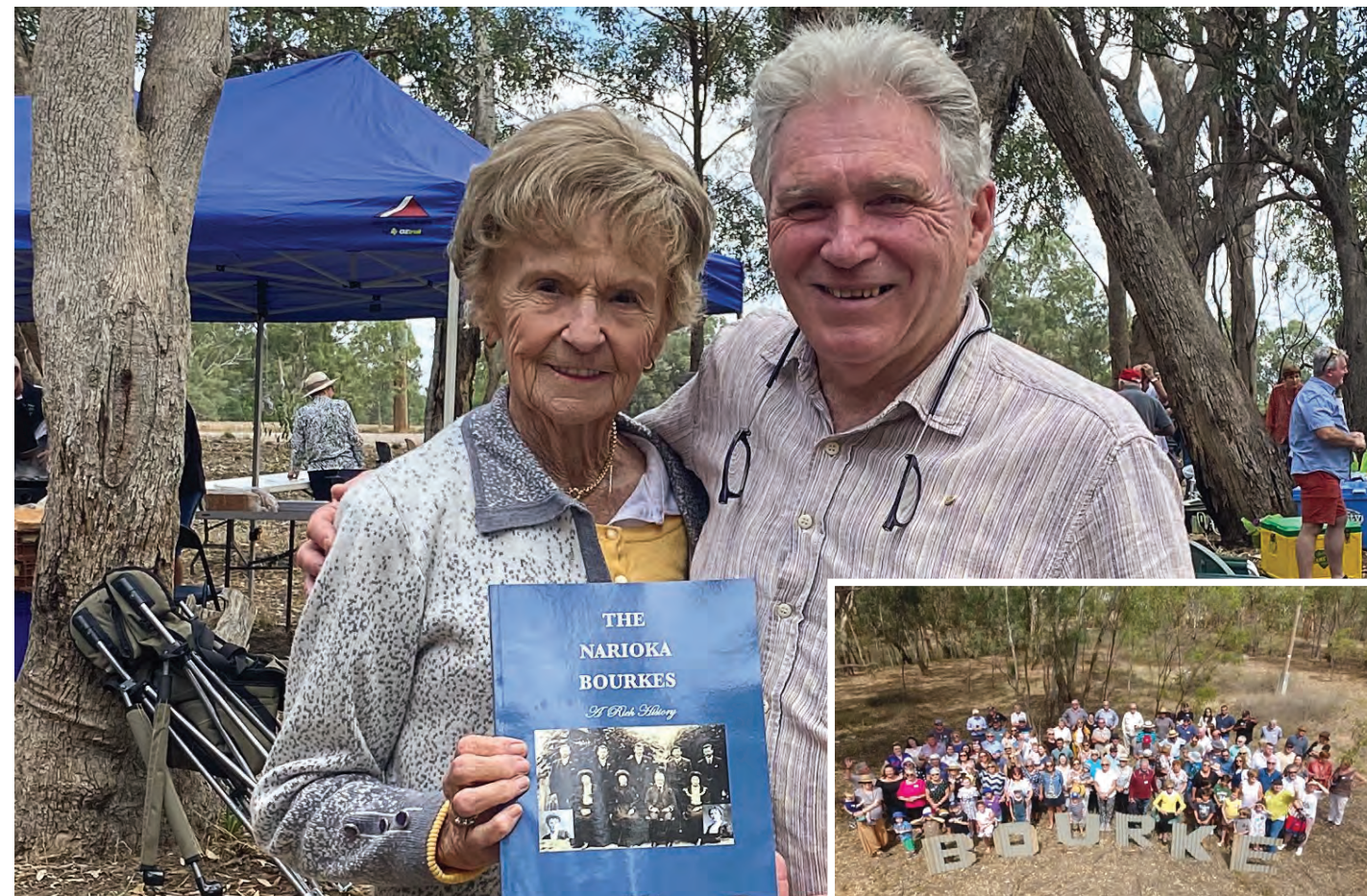
"For some people, the loss of a pet may mean the loss of a significant mental health support, one that was perhaps even protecting them from ending their life."

However, Dr Young says not all pet owners will fit this profile.

"One pat of a dog per day isn't going to work for everyone. And just giving an animal to someone hoping it will make them feel needed, is risky for both humans and animals."

"Pets are just wonderful companions," one female study participant said.

"Just being there in your dark times, loving you, knowing you and appreciating you is a powerful thing, offering a sense of protection."



**A good read ...** Lorna Morris OAM and Mick Bourke OAM with Mick's book on the family which was launched at the reunion.



**Remembering their ancestors ...** Many of the Bourke clan at the family reunion on Sunday, March 8 on the banks of the Broken Creek, not far from the original homestead, Wattleholme.

## The Bourkes ... they came from far and wide

MORE than 100 members of the extended Bourke family gathered near the original homestead, Wattleholme, on Sunday on the recent long weekend for their five-yearly reunion.

Descendants of Michael and Emily Jane Bourke, they came from various parts of Australia, both near and far, while six relations, Gerald Bourke and his wife, and Philip Bourke and his three daughters, flew over from America.

The first record of Michael Bourke being in this area is 142 years ago, when he staked his claim on the land at Narioka, what is now Wattleholme, on September 17, 1877.

Michael went back to Spring Hill near Kyneton to pick up his fam-

ily and they would have travelled there, taking several journeys during late 1877-early 1878.

In 1995, 108 years after Michael first came to Narioka, the family held its first reunion.

This year was the fifth reunion - 25 years since the first one. At that first reunion, 13 of the 36 grandchildren of Michael and Emily Jane were present.

Lorna Morris OAM is the family's one remaining grandchild, and attended this year's reunion.

Lorna is well known within the family, and in the area, in particular Numurkah, where she has lived for many years.

A cousin, Mick Bourke OAM, provided a brief outline of Lorna's life, outlining the hard life she had, as did many of her era.

Lorna and her husband Brian took over the family business, the *Numurkah Leader*, but not long after, Brian died suddenly in 1967, leaving Lorna with five young children and a newspaper business that had increased her debt and of which she had no knowledge of how to manage.

It also wasn't helped by the fact that, in those days, many people could not accept that a woman could run a business, especially a newspaper business. In that latter regard, Lorna was, if not unique, at the least very rare.

Although having a hard life, Lorna has had an extremely fulfilling, and loving life; loving parents and siblings, a loving family, plus a very caring Numurkah community.

And she has returned that love

and care in spades.

Mick said that, as he was reading Lorna's autobiography in the book she wrote a number of years ago, one word stuck in his mind: inspiring. Lorna is an inspiration to the whole family, and indeed, should be one to the broader community.

The family presented Lorna with a gift, as recognition of her both as the wonderful woman she is, and also as the remaining grandchild of Michael and Emily Jane.

Mick's book on the family, *The Narioka Bourkes: A Rich History*, was launched at the reunion. In it, amongst other things, he identifies approximately 720 family members springing from the union of their ancestors, Michael and Emily Jane.

## Drought knowledge grants now open

FARMERS and community groups from the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District are being encouraged to apply for grants to provide access to expert technical knowledge to help them prepare for, respond to and manage drought and dry seasonal conditions.

The \$650,000 second round of the Victorian Government's Farming and Community Group Drought Funding program will provide grants of up to \$25,000 to community groups including Landcare and land management

groups, industry groups, farming systems groups, farming discussion groups and other not-for-profit organisations to engage technical experts or specialists to deliver training to farmers.

Groups in the Millewa, East Gippsland and the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District are particularly encouraged to apply.

A similar program which ran last year was extremely successful, delivering 30 activities, engaging more than 900 farmers and 200 service providers.

Farmers across the Goulburn Murray Irriga-

tion District were among those who benefited from last year's program, with Murray Dairy using the funding to support dairy businesses to tailor their business plans.

Applications opened on Monday and close on March 23. Projects must be delivered between April and June 2020.

For more information about the program and other assistance available to help farmers call 136186 or visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/dry-seasons](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/dry-seasons).

## New campaign to improve safety of young workers

THE Victorian Government is warning employers to protect young workers and making sure young Victorians are aware of their rights through a powerful new campaign launched last week by Minister for Workplace Safety Jill Hennessy and WorkSafe Chief Executive Colin Radford.

The campaign is part of a social experiment which saw young workers aged 18-25 asked to participate in a mock job information session for a research company.

Participants were asked a series of questions about the risks they were

willing to take to secure employment - revealing young workers lacked the confidence to question unsafe working conditions.

Twenty-one of the 23 participants said they would accept that their employer had no responsibility for their health and safety, that they would work without first being trained, accept bullying and harassment in the workplace, and accept unsafe work conditions to secure and maintain employment.

Almost all of the participants displayed vulnerability in speaking up when they were uncomfortable

about having their health and safety compromised.

The interviews will feature in the campaign through a series of online and print advertisements, which discuss the unique pressures young workers face.

Young workers can be reluctant to question their employers about hazards in the workplace and often have a poor understanding of their health and safety rights.

The campaign will also be supported with education for employers and young workers to increase awareness of their rights and re-

sponsibilities.

Minister for Workplace Safety Jill Hennessy said the campaign reveals how young Victorians are vulnerable to injuries in the workplace, and reminds us of the importance of making sure they know they have the right to come home safe from work at the end of each day.

"Everyone has a part to play to make sure young workers are given the training and supervision they need to feel safe and be safe at work," she said.

"Young Victorians should be safe at work and it is unacceptable for

employers to pressure inexperienced workers into situations that put their physical or mental health at risk."

WorkSafe Chief Executive Colin Radford said employers have no excuse for abusing their power and endangering the health and well-being of young workers," he said.

"With more inspectors completing more inspections than ever before, WorkSafe will not hesitate to take enforcement action where it finds employers failing to meet their health and safety obligations."



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BOWLS SECTION

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Wednesday, 25th March  
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Wednesday, 3rd April  
5:30pm in clubhouse.  
Nominations for committees on noticeboards

Numurkah Community Learning Centre

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Numurkah Community Learning Centre Inc will be held in the President's Room of the Visitor Information Centre on  
Thursday, 19th March 2020 at 7.00pm

AGENDA

- Guest Speaker – Janine Connolly – NCLC Treasurer – speaking about her trip to India
- To confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
- To receive reports
- To receive the audited financial reports
- To appoint auditor for the financial year ended 31st December 2020
- To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members
- Nominations for Committee Members will be taken until Thursday 19th March by 3pm

A Light supper will be provided.

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Sadly missed by her loving family.

Much loved mother and mother-in-law of Geoff and Glenda. Loving Nan of Cathrene and Jarryd (Arnold) and Tracey.  
Sadly missed by her loving family.

Mum, I don't know where you've gone, but I know where you're going. Lord, take her hand and lead her into Heaven.  
My wonderful mother, A lifetime of memories I'll cherish forever.  
Geoffrey (Jinks).

Nan, you had a wonderful life and surrounded everyone with love. Love always Cathrene and Jarryd.

I'm forever grateful to know I had a Nan as wonderful as you. I'll cherish your beautiful memories knowing how much you loved me. Reunited in Heaven Tracey.

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# Resilient Raiders finally run out of steam

by “Kassie Role”  
NUMURKAH’S GM2 Raiders bowed out of the finals race on Sunday, going down to the Shepp Saints by 14 games.

Playing at Tatura, the Raiders lost 5/53 to the Saints’ 6/67.

The Raiders played their way into the preliminary final when playing at Cobram on Saturday, posting a nail biting win over arch rival Nathalia, winning 6/64 to 6/61.

Caitlyn Price starred for the victors with another superlative three set winning display.

Price won her singles 6-2, her ladies’ doubles with Catherine Church 8-5, and her mixed with sibling Brayden 8-3.

Andrew Storer, who was battling a knee injury, showed great pluck to win his two doubles sets, 8-3 with Brayden Price, and 8-7 with Elliott Small, and was a bit stiff to narrowly lose his mixed with Catherine Church 7-8.

Elliott Small showed all his athleticism and tactical nouse with a great 6-5 win in his singles over Nathalia young gun Alex Bakogianis.

The Raiders went into Sunday’s match with a real chance, as the Shepp Saints were in some turmoil after some dissension in the ranks on Saturday.

However, they recovered from this setback and put the Raiders on the back foot early, winning both men’s singles easily, and both ladies’ doubles matches.

The Raiders hit back when Catherine Church and Caitlyn price won their singles encounters 6-3 and 6-5 respectively, while Andrew Storer and Rhys Cason saluted 8-6. Still, the Raiders were 16 games down going into the mixed and looking down the barrel.

Despite Caitlyn Price and Elliott Small getting up 8-4, and Andrew Storer and Catherine Church posting an 8-5 win, it was too little too late, and the Saints grabbed the last mixed and ended the Raiders’ title defence.

It was another good effort from the Raiders and, if not for the late season injury to their number one man Matt Cason, the end result may have been a lot different.

## PLUCKY PENGUINS FALL SHORT

The GM3 East Penguins, like their comrades the Raiders, had their finals campaign halted when they lowered their colours to top side Nathalia, at Stanhope on Sunday.

The Penguins put in a brave performance but lost 3/63 to 10/81.

The Waddlers’ finals campaign started on Saturday at Nathalia where they won a prelim-

inary final berth with a solid 8/88 to 5/65 win over the Cobram Cobras.

The win was again set up by the Penguinettes, who did not lose a doubles set of the four contested.

Lou Shannon won with Billi Fasano 8-3, and with Emma Schmedje 8-3, and then Schmedje joined forces with Kris Walker to cruise to an 8-4 win.

Fasano and Walker completed the rout with an emphatic 8-2 win in the last doubles encounter.

The Penguin males were having a far tougher time of things against a very strong Cobras line up, and James Kam provided the only set win when he got up 6-2 in his singles.

However the other lads were taking enough games off Cobram to have the Numurkah team 13 games in front with just the mixed to play.

The victory was iced when Col Mackay/Lou Shannon, Craig Brown/Emma Schmedje and James Kam/Kris Walker returned 8-4, 8-3 and 8-6 wins respectively, while Dave Ludington and Billi Fasano put in a good performance in an entertaining set with Cobram duo Mario and Helen Bruni, before finally lowering their colours 7-8.

The Penguins knew they were going to have their work cut out for them, coming up against Nathalia, which had been on top of the ladder all year and boasted some very good male players in their line up.

As was the case on Saturday, the Penguinettes kept the Numurkah outfit in the game. Lou Shannon and Billi Fasano won 8-2 and then Lou teamed up with regular doubles partner Emma Schmedje for an even better 8-1 victory.

The Nathalia girls won the other sets narrowly, but it was in the men’s section, as predicted, that the Penguins were struggling.

Nathalia won all five men’s sets, although there were some close matches and, at afternoon tea time, the Penguins faced a five game deficit.

Any chance of a comeback was quickly snuffed out, however, with Nathalia winning the first three mixed sets comfortably.

The only joy for the Penguins came when Kris Walker and James Kam got home 8-2, which was a very good set win, as Kris required treatment for an injured ankle during play.

The Penguins have now finished third in their last two seasons, and skipper Dave Ludington will be hoping his charges can take that next step in the 2020-21 season and grab the title that they last won in 2012-13.



Lost his hat ... Brayden Price returns a shot back over the net in the Raiders’ win on Saturday.

## Summer SPORT scoreboard

Cricket			
CRICKET SHEPPARTON Two day game - Semi finals A GRADE MOOROOPNA It NUMURKAH Toss won by Mooroopna batted first 1ST INNINGS - MOOROOPNA			
M MacCansh b T Braybon.....	1	Bowling: H Barrow 8.0 1 2 33; P Marshall 5.0 2 0 20; A DiFede 5.0 4 0 7; J Wright 6.0 2 2 12; S D'Elia 4.0 0 0 19.	Total.....7/158
B McDonald b M Eckard.....	18		Overs 72.5
B Mulcahy c M Price b T Braybon.....	0		FOW: 3 (S Spicer) 16 (K Jackson) 52 (A Cline) 81 (T Woods) 100 (J Pruden) 104 (S Dawson) 110 (D Ebborn)
SS Shaikh c J Lau b L Gledhill.....	43		
B Lowe run out (W Arnell).....	4		
S O'Brien c SE Downie b L Gledhill.....	16		
P Marshall c M Eckard b M Grandell.....	5		
J Wright c L Gledhill b M Cline.....	9		
S D'Elia c T Braybon b M Grandell.....	3		
A DiFede not out.....	0		
H Barrow b M Cline.....	0		
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 0, lb 0).....	0		
Total.....	99		
Overs 48.0			
FOW: 1 (M MacCansh) 9 (B Mulcahy) 30 (B McDonald) 54 (B Lowe) 80 (SS Shaikh) 87 (P Marshall) 87 (S O'Brien) 92 (S D'Elia) 92 (H Barrow) 99 (J Wright)			
Bowling: M Cline 13.0 6 2 20; T Braybon 6.0 2 2 16; SE Downie 11.0 4 0 30; M Eckard 8.0 4 1 11; L Gledhill 7.0 2 2 13; M Grandell 3.0 1 2 9.			
1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH			
M Price b H Barrow.....	1		
W Arnell b J Wright.....	16		
D Grandell lbw b J Wright.....	33		
SE Downie not out.....	22		
L Gledhill b H Barrow.....	18		
J Smith not out.....	0		
Extras (nb 1, w 0, b 4, lb 5).....	10		
Total.....	4/100		
Overs 28.0			
FOW: 12 (M Price) 53 (D Grandell) 56 (W Arnell) 88 (L Gledhill)			
THIS WEEKEND: GRAND FINAL SATURDAY AND SUNDAY Numurkah v Nagambie at Deakin Reserve Shepparton			
B GRADE NUMURKAH def UNDERA Toss won by Undera, batted first 1ST INNINGS - UNDERA			
P Wickham c ? b B Smith.....	0		
L Campbell lbw b S Spicer.....	45		
M Wishart b M Martin.....	12		
B Bailey run out.....	22		
GR Campbell b S Dawson.....	3		
A Hockey b RL Lacuin.....	18		
J Valentin c ? b B Smith.....	1		
S Valentin c ? b RL Lacuin.....	18		
G Kontakos lbw b S Spicer.....	8		
K Kennedy c & b S Spicer.....	13		
J Bailey not out.....	0		
Extras (nb 4, w 2, b 3, lb 5).....	14		
Total.....	154		
Overs 76.2			
Bowling: B Smith 12.0 3 2 22; B Roberts 12.0 4 0 20; M Martin 18.0 6 1 25; S Dawson 17.0 3 1 31; RL Lacuin 15.0 1 2 47; S Spicer 2.2 1 3 1.			
1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH			
T Woods c J Valentin b A Hockey.....	37		
S Spicer c J Bailey b GR Campbell.....	0		
K Jackson c M Wishart b A McQuilton.....	6		
A Cline c J Valentin b GR Campbell.....	18		
J Pruden c ? b A Hockey.....	19		
B Smith not out.....	49		
S Dawson c ? b A Hockey.....	1		
D Ebborn c ? b A Hockey.....	2		
M Martin not out.....	3		
Extras (nb 8, w 0, b 10, lb 5).....	23		
KATANDRA def SHEPPARTON UNITED Toss won by Katandra, batted first 1ST INNINGS - KATANDRA			
J McKinnon c E McLaren b S Tate.....	98		
M Black c R Menhenett b E McLaren.....	56		
C Simpson st R Menhenett b S Tate.....	0		
RJ Ireland lbw b B Tacey.....	60		
A Nicholls c C Green b T Yaqoobi.....	14		
NJ Hickey not out.....	38		
K Rosevear c T Green (sub) b B Tacey.....	0		
S Dickson b E McLaren.....	0		
RW Shannon run out (C Green).....	9		
RJ Hopkins not out.....	0		
Extras (nb 1, w 3, b 0, lb 1).....	5		
Total.....	8/280 (cc)		
Overs 80.0			
FOW: 157 (J McKinnon) 157 (C Simpson) 157 (M Black) 205 (A Nicholls) 258 (RJ Ireland) 258 (K Rosevear) 259 (S Dickson) 278 (RW Shannon)			
Bowling: E McLaren 21.0 6 2 68; T Yaqoobi 14.0 1 1 66; L Menhenett 7.0 1 0 17; B Tacey 15.0 1 2 44; M Tate 3.0 0 0 19; C Green 8.0 3 0 29; S Tate 12.0 2 2 36.			
1ST INNINGS - SHEPPARTON UNITED			
T Gillin b S Dickson.....	25		
L Watts c NJ Hickey b RW Shannon.....	7		
M Collins c S Dickson b RJ Ireland.....	6		
C Green c S Dickson b RW Shannon.....	4		
R Menhenett c C Simpson b A Nicholls.....	17		
S Tate st M Black b A Nicholls.....	2		
L Menhenett c RW Shannon b A Nicholls.....	13		
B Tacey c RJ Hopkins b A Nicholls.....	10		
E McLaren c C Simpson b N Minogue.....	26		
M Tate lbw b N Minogue.....	0		
T Yaqoobi not out.....	0		
THIS WEEKEND: GRAND FINAL SATURDAY AND SUNDAY Katandra v Numurkah at Tallygaroopna			
C GRADE NUMURKAH It MOOROOPNA BLUE Toss won by Numurkah, bowled first 1ST INNINGS - MOOROOPNA BLUE			
J Catalano c B O'Dwyer b H Lambert.....	12		
T Hall b H Lambert.....	0		
M Van Dorsser lbw b B O'Dwyer.....	9		
J Zerbato lbw b S Boswell.....	20		
J May c H Verhoeven b B O'Dwyer.....	3		
RL Marsters not out.....	62		
D Zampaglione c J Verhoeven b D Roberts.....	13		
J Summers lbw b D Roberts.....	13		
T Carter c D Cox b J Verhoeven.....	11		
R Neil b H Lambert.....	1		
DC Hatton c K O' Dwyer b R Dawson.....	6		
Extras (nb 3, w 0, b 7, lb 3).....	13		
Total.....	163		
Overs 76.5			
FOW: 1 (T Hall) 19 (J Catalano) 38 (M Van Dorsser) 44 (J Zerbato) 52 (J May) 75 (D Zampaglione) 98 (J Summers) 122 (T Carter) 125 (R Neil) 163 (DC Hatton)			
Bowling: H Lambert 25.0 12 3 37; H Verhoeven 5.0 2 0 11; J Verhoeven 15.0 7 1 24; B O'Dwyer 8.0 4 2 14; S Boswell 10.0 2 1 40; D Cox 3.0 0 0 11; D Roberts			
9.0 3 2 12; R Dawson 1.5 1 1 4. 1ST INNINGS - NUMURKAH			
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 4, lb 1).....	5		
Total.....	129		
Overs 63.2			
Bowling: R Neil 9.0 2 0 22; DC Hatton 5.0 2 2 3; D Zampaglione 3.0 1 0 5; JJ Woods 9.0 5 2 16; RJ Marsters 5.0 1 0 11; J May 15.0 5 3 32; RL Marsters 8.0 3 0 22; T Carter 9.2 4 2 13.			
MURRAY VALLEY DIVISION ONE One day game FINLEY It KATUNGA Toss won by Finley, batted first 1ST INNINGS - FINLEY			
Extras (nb 0, w 4, b 0, lb 0).....	4		
Total.....	43		
Overs 23.0			
Bowling: T Miles 8.0 3 6 7; DC Baker 4.0 0 0 15; S McAllister 7.0 0 2 12; B Tweed 3.0 0 1 4; S Small 1.0 0 1 5.			
1ST INNINGS - KATUNGA			
B Tweed c & b A King.....	5		
N Thorp st B Spence b AZ Malik.....	1		
M Doyle run out.....	3		
A Youd c P Massingham b AZ Malik.....	0		
D Henderson not out.....	31		
A Cook c & b P Massingham.....	0		
S Small b M Wilson.....	0		
T Miles c R Anderson b M Wilson.....	1		
B Whitford b M Wilson.....	0		
S McAllister not out.....	1		
Extras (nb 0, w 3, b 1, lb 1).....	5		
Total.....	8/47 (cc)		
Overs 35.0			
FOW: 6 (B Tweed) 8 (A Youd) 8 (N Thorp) 13 (m Doyle) 16 (A Cook) 20 (S Small) 24 (T Miles) 30 (B Whitford).			





**Captain Courageous ...** Mark Mills in action for the Warriors on the Cobram courts on Saturday.

# Warriors book spot in big dance

*by “Kassie Role”*  
THE GM1 Numurkah Warriors have cruised into this season’s Goulburn Murray Lawn Tennis Association decider with a comfortable 23 game win over the Shepparton Hornets on Saturday.  
Playing at Cobram, the Warriors posted a 6/72 to 4/49 victory, which will see them take on the Shepp Lakers in the final at Shepparton this Saturday.  
Skipper Mark Mills led from the front with a brilliant three

set winning display, as did Helene Steward, who also had a 100% record for the afternoon.  
Mills won his singles 8-4, his men’s doubles with Harley McCarthy 8-1, and finished off a great afternoon by posting an 8-3 victory with Helene in the mixed.  
Steward cruised to an 8-2 win in her singles, and then she and partner Lisa Niglia completely out played their Hornet counterparts in their ladies’ doubles

match, winning 8-0.  
Niglia and Grant Chappell won the other set for the victors 8-7 in a hard fought mixed encounter.  
The Warriors will now face off against the Shepp Lakers at the Shepparton courts this Saturday as they attempt to post back to back flags.  
Hopefully a large crowd of supporters will be there to cheer them on and witness some great tennis being played.

# Small bore

THURSDAY night’s leaders at Numurkah Small Bore Club’s shoot were Derek Bradshaw on 194.7 in 20 metre benchrest, Jeff Matys with 193.3 (out of 200) at 50 metre benchrest and Lindsay Braybon on 197.13 in 50 metre prone.  
Match scores were as follows:

20 metre benchrest: D. Bradshaw 97.3 97.4 194.7, L. Cook 95.1 98.0 193.1, E. Ryan 93.1 97.4 190.5.  
50 metre benchrest: J. Matys 193.3, C. Saxton 191.7, G. Miles 181.7.  
50 metre prone: L. Braybon 99.9 98.4 197.14, G. Braybon 95.2 98.5 193.7, A. Gibbon

95.3 97.7 192.10, R. Hill 94.4 97.7 191.1, T. Braybon 92.2 97.6 189.8, G. Miles 94.2 92.2 186.4, D. Cook 91.2 90.0 181.2, B. Sneddon 90.1 89.3 179.3, H. O’Brien 83.0 92.1 175.1.  
There will be shooting as usual at Numurkah this Thursday night.

# Gail plunders medal round, Lauris wins shirt

*by “The Shankster”*  
ROSEMARY and Bill Rutledge’s family, visiting from NSW over the weekend, scooped the pool in both the men’s and women’s golf events at Numurkah on Saturday.  
Gail Rutledge decided she loves our course, after recording a four shot victory with a terrific 70 nett on the day to win the day’s competition. But, being a Numurkah Leader/R. & K. Smith monthly medal round, it was Lauris Ashton who took home the sponsors’ shirt, with only club members eligible in a medal round.  
Lauris won a countback from Julie Hannaford on 74 nett, followed by Rosemary Rutledge on 76, Nola Dalton with 78, and Bev McIntosh and Jeanette Adams, both with 79.  
Pauline Davies played a terrific shot to the fourth green to win nearest the pin, and score herself a birdie two, and Nola Dalton’s tee shot on the seventh hole was equally as good, to win her a ball. No-one got onto the 15th hole, and Lauris Ashton won the 18th with another very nice shot.  
Jeanette Adams was a tad unlucky not to win herself a ball on the par threes. Possum got onto the fourth hole, but wasn’t as close as Pauly, and missed out on being closest on the 18th by about half a centimetre.  
The women opened their winter season last Wednesday with a challenge between the captain’s and president’s teams, with the captain’s women winning the day by just over a shot.  
Jeanette Adams, Bev McIntosh and Sandy Trimble all finished with 35 points to head the winners’ list, Jeanette winning division one, followed by Bev, and Sandy the best in division two.  
The rest of the field lay down to allow Jeanette to celebrate her birthday with a win (we wish!).  
Marie Ryan finished runner-up to Sandy with 33 points. Helen Pickersgill both won and lost

a countback, losing to Marie, but beating Tracey Clouston to head the list of ball winners.  
Bev Peacock and Julie Hannaford battled it out for the last of the balls, Bev winning the countback on 31 points.  
Helen Schmedje won the first cake hole voucher for the year, and will be heading off to the Telegraph Hotel for lunch, and hopefully asking the rest of us along, too.  
The teams were selected by alternating players as they were registered and Captain Tracey’s team scored an average of 28.6 points, to President Bev McIntosh’s 27.36.  
Once again, Thursday’s chick run scores were a bit on the worse side of average, with Nola Dalton the only player to better her handicap, albeit only by half a shot.  
Nola finished with 36.5 nett around the par 37 back nine, to win division one, with one and a half shots to spare from Norma Crowe, who carded 38 nett, and also won nearest the pin on the 18th hole..  
There was a three-way tie in division two, Shirley Moon, Chris Shannon and Yvonne Cleary all finishing with 39 nett.  
We have just two more chick runs to play before the season comes to an end, with the final round to be played on Thursday, March 26. The chick run break up will then be held the following Thursday, April 2, with lunch at the club from 2pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in on this day.  
There is plenty of golf to be played in the next week. Today’s golf will be a monthly medal round, and the first round of the putting, Saturday will be the Meat on Melville first round of the stableford trophy event, Monday will be the Ray Dobson Real Estate fourball stroke tournament, and next Wednesday is the Royal Women’s Hospital fourball qualifier.



# Purples bow out of divvy two

**Acrobatics ...** Jodie Daniel carried the burden for Nathalia on Saturday, but couldn’t get her team over the line.  
NATHALIA’S GM2 tennis season came to a disappointing end in the second semi final at Cobram, with a narrow three game loss to its arch rivals, the Numurkah Raiders.  
The loss came despite an inspired performance from Jodie Daniel, who won all three of her sets and accrued a 14 game surplus for her team.  
Unfortunately for Nathalia, the rest of its team was less successful. Some struggled to adapt to the windy conditions, some to the pressure of the final, and others were simply outplayed by an in-form Numurkah outfit.  
The Raiders took victory 6/64 to Nathalia’s 5/61.  
After a strong start to the

season, Nathalia wilted after Christmas and was carrying poor form into the finals series after suffering a series of heavy losses.  
The semi final loss was gallant but indicative of the poor form displayed across the board in the closing rounds of the season.

# Lightfoot medal all tied up

FOR the first time since 2010, Cricket Shepparton’s Lightfoot Medal has gone to a tie, with last season’s winner, Nagambie’s Mark Nolan, sharing the honour with Northerners’ Joel Brett.  
In a thrilling vote count on Monday

evening, the pair both polled 19 votes.  
Nolan polled his 19 votes in the first 11 rounds, and led by six, but Brett polled three votes in both of the last two rounds to tie the vote.  
Brett is the first Northerners’ cricketer to win the medal since the

club was formed in 1996 when the Congupna and Tallygaroopna clubs combined. He also won the cricketer of the year award.  
Numurkah’s Dylan Grandell and Katandra’s Jedd Wright were both named in the Cricket Shepparton

team of the year, and Waaia young gun Jordy Cleeland finished second in the under 23 cricketer of the year.  
Katandra B grade captain Andrew Nicholls won the B grade best and fairest award, while his team mate, Ray Ireland, won the B grade batting award

with 343 runs, at an average of 68.6.  
Numurkah was voted the best conducted club in the competition in both A grade and B grade, and will be hoping to add both grades’ premierships to their tally on the weekend.



# Numurkah fights its way into grand final

NUMURKAH'S B grade cricketers have ground their way to a grand final berth for a shot at Cricket Shepparton's Clyde Young Shield, prevailing against Undera by three wickets on the weekend.

The semi final, played at Numurkah, matched fifth and sixth place getters on the ladder after both sides defeated their higher placed counterparts the previous week.

Undera won the toss and decided to bat first and lost a wicket quickly, with Bailey Smith snaring the first wicket to fall.

The visitors settled and were able to piece together some mini partnerships, however, the Blues appeared to strike just at the right time, to make them start again.

With Undera at 6/110, Numurkah was looking to grab the last four wickets cheaply, however, the visiting side managed to muster another 44 runs before being bowled out for 154 runs off 76.2 overs.

Sam Spicer cleaned up the tail and had the best bowling figures of 3/1 off 2.2 overs. Other wicket takers were Bailey Smith 2/22, Reydan Lacuin 2/47, Myles Martin 1/25 and Sean Dawson 1/31.

In reply, Numurkah was off to a poor start, losing Sam Spicer for a duck with the score on three, quickly followed by Kody Jackson (6) with the score on 16.

Veterans Tyson Woods and Andrew Cline added 33 before Cline was out for 18.

James Pruden joined Woods at the crease and took the score to 81 before Woods was the fourth wicket to fall for a terrific 37.

Young Bailey Smith joined Pruden, and the pair took the score to an even 100 before Pruden was out for 19. Sean Dawson and Dusty Ebborn quickly followed suit and the Blues found themselves in trouble at 7/110, still requiring a further 45 runs for victory.

Myles Martin joined Smith at the crease and set about chasing the runs without losing any further wickets. Smith belied his young years and proceeded to take control, sharing a 48 run partnership with Martin and hitting the winning runs in his team's total of 7/158.

The Last 6 overs saw Smith & Martin

score 5,6,2,15,6,12, to see the Blues home, in a memorable victory, Martin finishing on 3 not out, and Bailey Smith on 49 not out. Given the situation of the match, 15 year old Smith showed what a bright future he has, showcasing great composure and strokeplay.

Numurkah now takes on Katandra in the grand final, which commences at 11am this Saturday at Tallygaroopna Recreation Reserve.

## C GRADE

Numurkah's C grade cricketers came agonisingly close to joining their senior counterparts in playing off for a premiership, however fell short by 34 runs against Mooroopna Blue last weekend.

Playing the semi final at their home ground, Numurkah won the toss and fielded first, Hamish Lambert capturing the first wicket with the score on one.

The Blues' bowlers kept a tight line and continued to take wickets just as the opposing batsmen were becoming set.

With wickets falling at regular intervals, the Blues had Undera 9/125, however a 38 run last wicket partnership proved pivotal in its score of 163 off 76.5 overs.

Hamish Lambert was the major wicket taker with 3/37, with Dave Roberts and Brett O'Dwyer claiming 2/12 and 2/14 respectively, and Jason Verhoeven, Shaun Boswell and Riley Dawson all snaring one wicket apiece.

Numurkah was quickly on the back foot in reply, losing its first two wickets for only 11 runs.

Dylan Cox and Jason Verhoeven steadied the ship, adding 40 runs to take the score to 51 before Verhoeven fell for 16.

Brett O'Dwyer and Dave Roberts fell cheaply and, when Dylan Cox was stumped for a terrific 42, Numurkah found itself 6/74.

Shaun Boswell and Hunter Verhoeven batted well together, adding 47 runs for the seventh wicket, before Boswell was dismissed for a great knock of 35. Verhoeven fell with no addition to the score and the Blues were 8/121, still requiring 43 runs for victory.

Unfortunately, they weren't able to chase down the runs, losing the last two wickets for eight runs and were bowled out for 129.



Another one gone ... Hamish Lambert and Jason Verhoeven celebrate a wicket.



Howzat! ... Myles Martin stifles an appeal.

# Kerry takes home shirt

by "Phoenix"

A STRONG field of 41 players contested the Pierre Klaessen sponsored monthly medal round at Numurkah Golf Club on Saturday.

Monthly medals are played as stroke rounds and the scores reflected having to count each and every shot to get as close to par with your handicap as possible.

The best of these were B grade players, James Robb, a Rutledge clan member visiting Numurkah, posting a solid round of 73 nett, to take out B grade on a countback. The Rutledge clan was out in full swing, but it was left up to James to carry the load of the family.

Runner up in B grade, also with a 73, was Kerry Collins. Kerry has been playing some solid golf lately but was fortunate that a shirt was up for grabs when he managed to stamp his authority over the field. While Robb won the countback for the day, only members are eligible to win monthly medals.

The wily fox was bunting his drives with precision and showing the young fellas how to play around the greens, without fanfare or spruiking his intentions. Kerry just ambles up and gets on with it.

A grade was also decided by a countback, on nett 74, with Stephen Piggot taking the chocolates. Stephen has

been struggling for form of late and this was a welcome relief. He doesn't hit a long ball but is very creative around the greens, and when his touch is on, he scores well.

Runner-up in a grade was Garry Hosie. Another player who has been in the golfing doldrums lately and wasn't too happy this week, but his game was solid enough to scrounge his way to a decent score.

Also on 74 nett was Ian 'Speed' Hanaford, who has been posting some good scores lately and reducing his handicap to a place of yester-year.

The rest of the ball winners were all decided by countback, on 75 nett. The best of these was Bob 'Komodo' I'Anson. He was followed by Marty Harper, Paul Arnel, Sam McPherson and Hugh 'You hit my ball' Gunn.

The best scratch score was 82 off the beater, shared by Garry Hosie and Sam Robertson.

Nearest the pin on the fourth was the wily fox Kerry Collins, Davin Scott was the best on the seventh, while Matty Ebborn made the best of a bad round by taking out the 15th and the 18th.

Rob Lowrie had a day out last Wednesday, winning C grade in the day's chicken run competition with a terrific 32 nett.

Shawn Boswell was runner-up with 36.

Michael Eckard continued his good form to win A grade with 36 nett, finishing three shots ahead of Wayne Hooker, while Marcus Luxford took out B grade with 34 nett, just one clear of Mark Hegarty on 35.

Wayne Hooker won nearest the pin on the 18th hole.

Next week kicks off the first round of the stableford trophy, this round sponsored by Meat on Melville. Yay a week without counting every shot!



No fanfare ... Kerry Collins.

## Cricket finals in doubt

CRICKET Australia yesterday announced that it has cancelled the Marsh Sheffield Shield final, and recommended that all cricket played within the community is ceased for the remainder of the 2019/20 season in response to the global coronavirus pandemic.

The decision follows Sunday's announcement that the final round of the Marsh Sheffield Shield season had been cancelled in an effort to reduce travel.

CA has also strongly recommended that all amateur cricket played within the community should cease including community cricket and premier cricket.

This leaves Numurkah in a tenuous position. Although having finished the season on top of the ladder, Numurkah lost its first final to Nagambie, which makes it the highest ranked team in the grand final. If play does not go ahead, it is likely that Nagambie will be awarded the premiership, on that basis. The B grade game is also in the same position, with Katandra having finished the season higher on the ladder than Numurkah and neither team lost a match throughout the finals series.

Numurkah president Brad Naugh-

ton was scheduled to meet with league president Dave D'Elia at Deakin Reserve at 5.30pm yesterday to discuss the matter.

Kevin Roberts, Cricket Australia's Chief Executive, said these measures emphasise cricket's commitment to slowing the spread of the coronavirus.

"By effectively cancelling the remainder of our season, Cricket Australia is playing its part in protecting fans, players, staff, volunteers and match officials during this unprecedented global health issue," Roberts said. "These are difficult decisions, but the right ones in the circumstances."

"Many will no doubt be disappointed that community cricket seasons won't have their traditional ending. "As organisations around the world rally to slow the spread of the coronavirus, it's important that we also provide decisive leadership. We hope that by taking these actions now – in addition to those announced in recent days – we can contribute to 'flattening the curve' of coronavirus and society returning to normal as quickly as possible."

**Updates will be posted on our website and Facebook page.**



## GV Vets at Parkland

KYABRAM Parkland volunteers presented their course in terrific condition for the GV Veteran Golfers Association's re-scheduled match on Monday, when 88 players enjoyed the superb autumn weather to contest a fourball best ball event.

Winners on a countback with 44 stableford points were Ron Dixon and Ian Scurrah, both from Lockington. The runner-up pairing from Shepparton was Leigh Gould and Greg Birks and in third place with 43 points were Tony Papallo, Kialla, and new member John Phillips.

Nearest the pin was conducted on the 138m 18th hole with only A grade successful in holding the green, Parklands' Sam Attardi taking home the ball.

The ball run down included Bill Holyman-Leo Hartup, Geoff Kitlety-Ray Gourlay, Denis Prosser-Max Dawber, Geoff Stone-Bruce Collins, Tom Martin-Brian Reiners, Barry Osborne-Peter Lahiff, Ray and Robert Coleman, Richard Maloney-Ross Kirkham, Rex Howell-Geoff Hamill, Peter Curtis-Lloyd Freer, Don McKenzie-Alan Richardson, Peter Toy-Kelith Rae, John McHale-Kely Cheong.

The next event will be played at Euroa on Monday, March 30, with the amended start time of 9.30am for 10am hit off.

Registrations for the team for the intra-zone challenge, the Ralph Sneyd Trophy, at Shepparton on May 11 will be accepted at Euroa. This event is restricted to 36 players from each district of Dalhousie, Goulburn Valley and North East. There is no handicap restriction and the usual 9.30am assembly applies.

# Three finish top

TUESDAY morning golf croquet has had a lot of close finishes this season and last Tuesday was no exception with three players, Ian Londey, Rhonda Geddes and Graham Tyack, all winning their three games.

Ian finished on top with 3/21/-11 and Rhonda was runner-up on 3/21-13.

It was ladies' day when it came to jump shots, Glenys Londey and Joan I. Hansen scoring two, Rhonda Geddes one, and Kevin Hansen the odd man out, also scoring one.

The golf croquet club pennant last Thursday saw very close finishes in both matches, hoops being the only difference in the final scores.

Dingoes won against the Jackals 3/36 to 3/34. David and Rhonda Geddes were both two game winners for the Dingoes, and Graham Tyack was the only two game winner for the Jackals.

The match between Koalas and Impalas was also a three game all contest, with the Koalas taking the honours, 3/34 to 3/29. Glenys Londey was a standout in the losing side, winning all three games, while Kevin Hansen and Lyn Hughes were two game winners for the Koalas.

The closeness of the matches is a good sign that the handicap system works well and is a great leveller.

The club's annual meeting was held yesterday, there will be a report in next week's *Leader*.



Winner, winner ... Last Tuesday's winner Ian Londey taking a big swing.

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Essendon vs. Fremantle (MRVL)	North Melbourne vs. St Kilda (MRVL)
Adelaide Crows vs. Sydney Swans (AO) (T)	Hawthorn vs. Brisbane Lions (MCG)
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# Eagles soar into grand final

KATANDRA has stormed its way into the Clyde Young Shield B grade grand final after an impressive 162 run semi final victory against Shepparton United on the weekend.

Playing on its home turf, Katandra won the toss and decided to bat.

Josh McKinnon and Mitch Black opened the batting for the Eagles and put on a masterclass exhibition of fine stroke play and powerful hitting on their way to an opening partnership of 157 runs.

McKinnon was the first to depart, for 98, two runs short of what would have been a magnificent century.

The wickets of Clay Simpson (0) and Black (56) followed with no further addition to the score.

At 3/157, Ray Ireland and Andrew Nicholls set about pushing the score quickly and added another 48 runs between them before Nicholls was out for 14.

Nathan Hickey joined Ireland at the crease and put on another quickfire 53 before Ireland was out for a well compiled 60. With the score 5/258, Katandra threw the bat in a chase for quick runs in the final overs and finished with 8/280 off its allocated 80 overs, with Hickey remaining 38 not out.

In reply, Shepparton United got off to a good start, getting to 33 before Scott Dickson broke through for the first wicket.

This brought about a mini collapse and the visitors lost their next two wickets for nine runs before a small partnership of 19 took the score to 61, when Ray Ireland struck for his first wicket.

With Shepparton 4/61, the Eagles could smell victory and claimed the next two wickets quickly.

A 17 run partnership was broken by Andrew Nicholls and the visitors were 7/80 and finally bowled out for 118.

Andrew Nicholls was the best of the bowlers, claiming 4/25, and he was well supported by Nick Minogue 2/5, Ryleigh Shannon 2/29, and Scott Dickson and Ray Ireland, 1/22 and 1/17 respectively.

Katandra will meet Numurkah in this week's grand final to be held at Tallygaroopna Recreation Reserve commencing at 11am.

## E GRADE

Katandra's E grade cricketers have won Cricket Shepparton's Whitelock Shield by 81 runs, in a tremendous all round display of cricket.

Finishing the season on top of the ladder, the Eagles took on Pine Lodge in their grand final, which was held at Vibert Reserve on Saturday.

Winning the toss, Katandra decided to bat first and opened with Nathan White and Matt Koutroubas. Together they put on 18 for the first wicket before White was dismissed for six.

Rex Wardle joined Koutroubas as the crease and the pair added 79 runs for the second wicket before Koutroubas was out for a well made 35.

Rob Trewin entered the fray and clubbed 42 off only 22 deliveries in a dominant display of power hitting before he was out and the Eagles had powered to 3/150.

Wardle was out three runs later for a terrific 38, and in a chase for quick runs, wickets tumbled and Katandra finished with a score of 7/186 off its allocated 40 overs.

Katandra started well in the field, picking up their first wicket with the score on six, when Dillon Shelley struck. Seven runs later he struck again and Pine Lodge was 2/13. The Eagles would not let the opposition into the game and continued to take wickets just as the opposing batsmen were beginning to look set.

At 6/84, it was only a matter of time before Katandra would take the remaining four wickets, and Tom Jeffrey decided it would be him to clean up the tail, taking three of the last four wickets to fall.

Pine Lodge was all out for 105, with Tom Jeffrey the major wicket taker with figures of 4/19 off 4.2 overs.

Other wicket takers for the victors were Rex Wardle 2/10, Dillon Shelley 2/49, Nathan White 1/5, and Jaidyn Thorne 1/14.



Under 12s and 14s ... Reeve Verhoeven, Kyren Dawson, Joel O'Dwyer and Matt Ward with their batting and bowling trophies.

# Capping off a great season

NUMURKAH'S junior cricketers capped off a hugely successful season with dinner and presentations at the recreation reserve on Friday evening.

Of the club's three junior sides, only the under 12s missed out on finals, finishing just one spot out of contention, while the under 14s and under 16s won both the one day and two day finals.

Although unable to attend presentations on Friday, Bailey Smith had a terrific season, and was awarded the Connor Remmerswaal trophy, as well as winning the under 16 batting average and the player of the finals award.

Smith made 280 runs throughout the

season, at an average of 70.

Callum Morris won the bowling trophy, with 13 wickets, at an average of 5.84 runs per wicket. Morris was also awarded a trophy for taking five wickets in a game, taking 5/7 off seven overs, against Mooroopna.

Dustan Ebborn also had a big haul during the season, taking 6/7 off 5.3 overs against Euroa, in November. Dusty earned himself the title of best all rounder for the Blues for the season, and Chris O'Dwyer's coach's trophy was awarded to Bailey Roberts.

Reeve Verhoeven won the under 14 batting average with 176 runs, at an average of

35.20, while Matt Ward took 10 wickets at 3.40 to have the best bowling figures.

Ward and Harry McDonald both had five wicket hauls during the season.

Coach Daniel Hughes awarded his trophy to Riley Dobson, and Mitchell O'Dwyer was the player of the finals.

For the under 12s, Kyren Dawson won the batting award with 165 runs, at an average of 23.57, while Joel O'Dwyer took nine wickets to finish with the best average of 10.44. Toby Bell went home with the coach's trophy, Oliver Ruscoe was deemed the most improved player, and all players were presented with a participation award.

# Katunga takes revenge to win flag

IN a replay of last year's grand final, Katunga played Finley in its Murray Valley Cricket Association division one cricket match, and this year turned the tables to claim victory by two wickets.

Both teams are beginning to make a habit of producing nail biting finishes to their grand finals, after the Swans fell short by seven runs last year.

Finley won the toss and elected to bat on a damp and grassy wicket at Tocumwal.

Toby Miles and Dylan Baker put the

pressure on early with some great bowling from both ends.

Miles struck early with the first wicket in the third over of the day and the Cats were 1/3.

Finley was soon on the back foot, with wickets falling repeatedly as the Swans' bowlers continued to bowl to their field.

This proved to be the key, as Finley continued to pick out the Swans fielders when the ball was in the air. Finley was quickly bowled out for a lowly 43 runs, with Toby Miles exceptional with the ball, claiming 6/7

off eight overs.

Shaun McCallister snared 2/12, Brad Tweed 1/4 and Spencer Small 1/5 in a magnificent fielding display. Requiring only 44 runs for victory, Swans' openers Brad Tweed and Nick Thorp

were confident going into bat, and soon found that the pitch still had the movement that was evident earlier in the day.

Finley struck early and Brad Tweed was the first to fall for five. He was quickly followed by Thorp and Ayden Youd.

Mitch Doyle and Daniel Henderson tried to bring some stability back, however a miscommunication saw Doyle run out for three and Adam Cook now at the crease.

Returning from the tea break at 4/15, Cook and Henderson were keen to get some runs ticking over, but soon after the resumption, Cook became the fifth wicket, followed four runs later by Spencer Small.

Finley was on a roll and Katunga was starting to capitulate, losing the next two wickets for six runs.

Things were beginning to look bleak

for the Swans, at 8/30, as Henderson tried to hold the innings together with the tail enders.

Finally, a partnership was beginning to happen between Henderson and Shaun McCallister and, slowly but surely, the pair began to whittle away the remaining 14 runs required for victory, with Henderson fittingly hitting the match winning runs and remaining not out 31 in an exciting, low scoring match.

With the impressive bowling figures of 6/7 off eight overs, Toby Miles was awarded player of the match.





**Retribution ...** Katunga's premierships team, back row (from left): Ben Whitford, Spencer Small, Brad Tweed, Jarrod Rankin, Toby Miles, Dylan Baker, Ayden Youd, David Miles, Davis Russell. Front: Shaun McCallister, Mitch Doyle, Nick Thorp, Adam Cook, Daniel Henderson.  
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## Blues to defend title, all in a day's work

NUMURKAH'S A grade cricketers have won their way into Cricket Shepparton's Haisman Shield grand final, after defeating Mooroopna on the first day of their two day semi final match last weekend and will be looking to make it two premierships in a row. However, there is now some doubt, as of yesterday afternoon, as to whether Saturday's grand final will go ahead. Numurkah iss due to play Nagambie this Saturday at Deakin Reserve in a replay of last week's qualifying final, commencing at 11am. Numurkah captain, Liam Gledhill said, "We have not played at Deakin

Reserve all year and it will be interesting to see the pitch." "Whoever bats well should be in control, we will bat first if we win the toss, runs on the board are extremely important in finals." After falling to Nagambie the previous week, Numurkah had to play and travel to Mooroopna, where they lost the toss and were sent in to field. The Blues' bowlers were on fire early and Tim Braybon struck with two quick wickets to have Mooroopna 2/9. The home side steadied and took the score to 30 before Michael Eckard broke through, removing the remaining opening batsman.

Mooroopna's Shoaib Shaikh was holding the innings together until he was dismissed by Liam Gledhill for a fine 48, leaving the opposition in trouble with the score on 5/80. Seven runs later, the home side lost two for none as it slumped to 7/87. Matt Cline returned to the crease and cleaned up the tail, claiming the last two wickets to fall and Mooroopna was all out for 99 off 48 overs. Wickets were evenly spread amongst the bowlers, with Mitch Grandell, Liam Gledhill, Tim Braybon and Matt Cline snaring two wickets each and finishing with figures of 2/9, 2/13, 2/16 and 2/20 respectively, whilst Michael Eckard captured

1/11. In reply, Numurkah opened with Matt Price and Will Arnel, with Price the first to depart for one, with the score on 12. Dylan Grandell joined Arnel at the crease and together the pair put on 41 runs before Grandell was out for a well made 33. Arnel was out three runs later for 16 and Numurkah was now 3/56, still requiring a further 44 runs for victory. Sean Downie and Liam Gledhill batted well, and the score was on 88 when Gledhill fell for 18. Josh Smith joined Downie at the crease and, once they had surpassed 99, the Mooroopna captain conceded

ed the game, much to the delight of the Numurkah players. "It was good to win on the first day," Gledhill said. "It was a comprehensive win and a good team effort." Gledhill is looking forward to next week's match which will be Numurkah's third grand final in a row. "Nagambie have some players who are in pretty good nick at the moment, and we will need to ensure we try to take control of them early," Gledhill said. "We know that if we can play to our capabilities we will be good enough to win." *Cricket Australia's position, page 13*

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